



¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation commanding all Apothecaries of this Realme, to follow the dispensatory lately compiled by the Colledge of Physitions of London.



Hereas by Our especiall Commandement, there hath bene of late compiled in the Latine tongue by the Colledge of the Physitions of London, a Booke entituled Pharmacopoeia Londinensis, prescribing and directing Apothecaries the generall formes, aswell of dispensing and compounding of all sorts of Medicines, and Phisicall Receipts, as distilling of Oyles and Waters, and such like extractions, together with the true Weights and Measures, whereby to make them which heretofore haue bene variously and differently composed, and made according as mens scuerall fancies haue led them, to the great danger of Our Subiects in their lives and health; And

Whereas for the better reformation of the abuses heretofore practised in compounding of Medicines, wee thought fit to incorporate the Apothecaries of London into one body, forbidding all others within London, or seuen miles thereof, to put to sale any phisicall compositions, except they were or should bee members of the said Company; And whereas through the great care and industrie of the said Colledge, the said Pharmacopoeia Londinensis is now perfected and ready for the Presse, and is a Worke greatly tending to the publique good of Our Subiects; And wee minding that all falsehood, differences, varieties and incertainties in making or composing of Medicines and distilling of Oyles or Waters hereafter, be vitterly taken away and abolished, and that in the time to come the manner and forme pre-

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scribed by the sayd booke, should bee generally and soyl practized by Apothecaries in their compositions of medicines and distillations of waters, for all such things as are therein named and prescribed. Wee therefore desirous in all things to prouide for the common good of Our Subjects, and intending to settle and establish the generall use of the said booke in this Realme of England, so laboriously and exactly composed by the said Colledge, doe hereby signifie and declare Our Royall Will and Pleasure to bee, and doe hereby straitly require, charge and command all and singular Apothecaries Within this Our Realme of England, or the Dominions thereof, that they and every of them, immediately after the said Pharmacopoea Londinensis shall bee Printed and published, doe not compound or make any medicine or medicinable receipt, or prescription, or distill any oyle, or Waters, or other extractions, that are or shall bee in the said Pharmacopoea Londinensis mentioned and named after the wayes or meanes prescribed or directed, by any other bookes or dispensatories whatsoeuer, but after the onely manner and forme, that is or shall bee directed, prescribed and set downe by the sayd booke, and according to the weights or measures, that are or shall bee therein limited, and not otherwise; except it shall bee by the speciall direction or prescription of some learned Physition in that behalfe.

And further, Our expresse Will and Pleasure is, and wee doe heereby straitly charge and command that no person of any Art or Profession, other then Apothecaries and such as are or shall bee free of the saide Company, shall put to sale any Physicall composition prescribed in the said Booke, nor any other Medicint Within Our said City of London or seuen miles compasse thereof, vpon paine of Our High displeasure, and to incurre such penalties and punishment as may bee inflicted vpon offenders heerein, for their contempt or neglect of this Our Royall Commandement; Whereof in a case of this nature wee shall bee very sensible: Willing and Commanding also heereby all Maiors, Sheriffes, Justices of Peace, Constables, Bayliffes, Headboroughs and other Our Officers and Ministers, to bee ayding and furthering to those whom it doeth concerne in the due execution of this Our Royall Pleasure and Commandement, as they will answere the contrarie at their vttermost perils.

Giuen at Our Pallace of VWhite-hall the sixe and twentieth day of Aprill, in the sixteenth yeere of Our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the one and fiftieth.

¶ God sauе the King.

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